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**From:** Koffi, LaRonda [Koffi.LaRonda@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/7/2017 6:28:18 PM  
**To:** Melvin, Karen [Melvin.Karen@epa.gov]; Leonard, Paul [leonard.paul@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FYI: Media Inquiry - How many BF sites in U.S.?

FYI

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**From:** Gaffney, Kristeen  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 1:48 PM  
**To:** Seneca, Roy <Seneca.Roy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Koffi, LaRonda <Koffi.LaRonda@epa.gov>; schaffer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Media Inquiry - How many BF sites in U.S.?

I'm not aware of a more up to date national figure. Because Brownfields sites are defined so broadly ( **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** ), we don't have a good tool to estimate them.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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On Apr 7, 2017, at 12:52 PM, Seneca, Roy <Seneca.Roy@epa.gov> wrote:

Kristeen – Check out the inquiry below... Our website still uses the “more than 450,000” figure ( <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfield-overview-and-definition> ) but the reporter is wondering if we have something more up to date? Let me know what you think. Thanks. -- Roy

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**From:** Bond, Michaelle [mailto:MBond@phillynews.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:16 PM  
**To:** Seneca, Roy <Seneca.Roy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Philadelphia Inquirer request about Bishop Tube site

Hi Roy,

One more question: About how many brownfield sites are there in the U.S.? I saw the figure of 450,000 as of 2002. I'm hoping you have a more up-to-date number.

Thanks,

Michaelle

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**From:** Seneca, Roy [mailto:Seneca.Roy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 4:11 PM  
**To:** Bond, Michaelle <MBond@phillynews.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Philadelphia Inquirer request about Bishop Tube site

Michaelle – Thanks for your inquiry. Here is the EPA response to your inquiry.

**Question 1:** People in the community keep saying this site is a Superfund site. But I could not find it when I searched for Superfund sites on the EPA website. Do you know why that would be? If this is not a Superfund site, why isn't it? What criteria doesn't it meet? Can we explain the current status of the site and explain why it is NOT a Superfund site?

**EPA Response:** The Bishop Tube site is not on the National Priorities List and is currently designated as an Other Cleanup Activity (OCA) in EPA's Superfund Enterprise Management System (SEMS). The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is the lead agency for on-site cleanup.

In 1996, EPA assessed the site and the site conditions appeared to meet the criteria for the NPL and that further action would have been warranted. However, at that time, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania did not support listing of the site on the NPL and chose to continue to be the lead agency in the site cleanup.

**Question 2:** What is EPA's involvement with this site?

**EPA Response:** EPA performs a monitoring role at OCA sites by biannually checking in with the state on the status of cleanup work.

**Question 3:** Is it accurate to say that Pennsylvania has requested that EPA **not** put the Bishop Tube site on the NPL?

**EPA Response:** As noted above, in 1996, EPA assessed the site and found it to meet the criteria for the NPL. However, at that time, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania did not support listing of the site on the NPL and chose to continue to be the lead agency in the site cleanup.

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**From:** Bond, Michaelle [<mailto:MBond@phillynews.com>]  
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**To:** Seneca, Roy <[Seneca.Roy@epa.gov](mailto:Seneca.Roy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Philadelphia Inquirer request about Bishop Tube site

I appreciate it.

Michaelle

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**From:** Seneca, Roy [<mailto:Seneca.Roy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 1:47 PM  
**To:** Bond, Michaelle <[MBond@phillynews.com](mailto:MBond@phillynews.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Philadelphia Inquirer request about Bishop Tube site

Michaelle – Thanks for the inquiry. I am checking this out and will get back to you.

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**From:** Bond, Michaelle [<mailto:MBond@phillynews.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** Seneca, Roy <[Seneca.Roy@epa.gov](mailto:Seneca.Roy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Philadelphia Inquirer request about Bishop Tube site

Good morning, Roy,

This is Michaelle Bond, a reporter at The Inquirer. I'm writing about a TCE-contaminated site in East Whiteland Township, Chester County referred to as Bishop Tube for the company that once operated there. I have a few questions.

1) People in the community keep saying this site is a Superfund site. But I could not find it when I searched for Superfund sites on the EPA website. Do you know why that would be? I've attached two documents a community member showed me. If this is not a Superfund site, why isn't it? What criteria doesn't it meet?

2) What involvement, if any, has the EPA had in this site?

3) Is it accurate that the state asked the EPA not to put the site on the National Priorities List? Is this something states do?

I'm looking for answers by tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks, and please let me know if you have questions for me.

Michaelle

Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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